

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A device for the generation of respirational air, comprising:  
a compressor, from which compressed gas is delivered in a tube;  
a device for cooling; and  
at least one water separator,  
wherein the tube contains a tapering passage after which ~~the~~ a first water separator is directly connected, the tapering passage having a cooling effect on the ~~gas in the operating state.~~  
compressed gas when delivered in the tube, wherein a nozzle provides the tapering passage.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the nozzle may have different forms.
4. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a second water separator is connected before the tapering passage.
5. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein a further cooling device for the gas is provided in the device before the tapering passage.
6. (Currently amended) A method for the generation of respirational air, comprising:  
delivering compressed gas using a compressor;  
passing the gas through a tapering passage in which the gas is cooled; and  
precipitating and separating off water from the gas cooled in the tapering passage by means of a first water separator.
7. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the compressed ~~gas or air mixture~~ is cooled by at least one fan on the way to the tapering passage.

8. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein water which has condensed out of the gas before the compressed gas reaches the tapering passage is separated off in ~~the~~ a second water separator ~~before the tapering passage~~.

9. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein water which has condensed out of the gas before the compressed gas reaches the tapering passage is separated off in ~~the~~ a second water separator ~~before the tapering passage~~.

10. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim ~~2~~, 1 wherein a second water separator is connected before the tapering passage.

11. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein a second water separator is connected before the tapering passage.

12. (New) The device of claim 1 where the nozzle has a form selected from the group consisting of: a sharp-edged form, a rounded form, and a cylindrical form.